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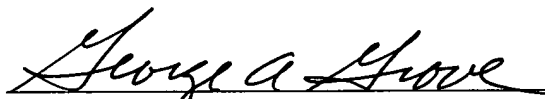
Claims 1-15 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,644,637.

This continuation-in-part application and its parent, U.S. Patent 6,644,637, are both owned by General Motors Corporation. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) signed by Kathryn A. Marra, an attorney of record, is enclosed with this paper. The terminal disclaimer is filed to overcome the above obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

No other objection or rejection of claims of this application has been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-15 be allowed and this case passed to issue.

The appropriate terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) may be charged to General Motors Corporation deposit account No. 07-0960.

Respectfully Submitted,

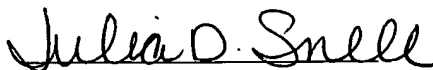


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